



# Landcare Update



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It is time to 'rip and mound' your land for the PINUS RADIATA which will be ordered for the end of JULY. Orders should be placed with Merv & Shirley Cornish on 48445101.

The bare-rooted trees have been 40c each for the last several years and come in boxes of 120, making it a cost of \$48.00 per box. Smaller amounts may be ordered if desired. There is no guarantee that the cost will remain the same, we can only hope.

Our Group is awaiting a GOOD RAIN before planting native trees at one of our projects.

Repair work has been carried out at the Oallen Ford and we once again can only hope that campers/ trail riders will respect the effort put into the barriers and the reason why.

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Nerriga Landcare is moving forward ... onwards and upwards!

On March 12, several members met at the Corang River Stock Reserve to take part in our inaugural working bee. This is the commencement of the work to be carried out under our first grant for Riparian Work at the Stock Reserve. We have now received the funds under the grant and work will commence on the fencing and then the replanting of the area.

Pine tree wildings were cleared and the sawn logs placed under the Corang River Bridge ready for planting around; rubbish collected from the area (4 dozen empty stubbies and much broken glass from inside one tree trunk – at least they couldn't start a fire); and generally cleaning the area ready for fencing.

When that work was completed we held our Annual General Meeting and all office bearers were re-elected. Members present at the working bee and meetings were David Peters; David Griffin; Alan Martin; Neil Brooks; Phil Roberts; Di Roberts; Helen Allen and Helen Rolland.

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**Brigade enquiries  
4844 5359**

**The Brigade Auction is on at the Windellama Hall and Grounds on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2006.**

With the support of **Elders Goulburn** the auction will be going ahead, so **it's time** to start looking around your place and stacking those unused items together so they can be turned into money. Start making a list of those must have things? You never know what treasures you may find at our Auction.

Once again the Brigade will be holding a raffle with goods supplied by many of our local businesses, if you can assist in selling tickets contact the **Brigade on 4844 5359**.

The Auction Day is on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of April at the Windellama Hall and Grounds. The day starts at 7.00am. Auction items are to be booked in by 9.00am, with the auction commencing at 10.00am.

If you have any large articles to sell but have difficulty getting them there, contact either **Rex Hockey 4844 5147, Lynton Roberts 4844 5118**, so that arrangements can be made for the goods to be collected.

So that ads can be placed please **let us know** if you have any antiques, machinery or vehicles to be sold at the Auction as soon as possible, please contact one of the persons listed above.

**\*\*\* STRICTLY NO ANIMALS OR LIVESTOCK sold at the Auction \*\*\***

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**Over the last month** there have been no incidents the Brigade has attended.

**Training**

**Accredited Basic Firefighting Course**

Some enquiries have already been made about the Brigade having another Accredited Basic Firefighting course. If you would like to take part, a course is organised to take place **during the winter months**. The Brigade is now taking names, so please put your name down as soon as possible. For information and registration contact the Captain, **Lynton Roberts on 4844 5118**.

If you would like to further your firefighting skills the new training schedule for 2006 is now available contact **Lynton Roberts on 4844 5118** for advice or a copy.

Remember to attend training days; these training sessions are designed for you to get experience from what you have learnt and to be kept up to date with current techniques.

<b>AGM</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> June 2006</b>	<b>7:30pm</b> - Nomination forms available
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April 2006,</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> May 2006, 1:00pm Fire Station</b>	

Till next time **please drive carefully** and take care, see you all at the next meeting and training day.  
**All welcome.** Ellen Sylvester - Secretary



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By Paul Alessi

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## Windellama Records

Here are a few of Windellama's claims to fame in the record stakes, if you can think of others please let me know.

**World's Rarest Gum Tree** - Windellama is home to two specimens of the only five known Ice Age Gums (*Eucalyptus recurva*) which is one of the world's rarest species of tree and the world's rarest species of Gum Tree.

**Worlds Oldest Tree** - Scientists believe our two Ice Age Gums may in fact have originated from the one individual as each stem died and a new one formed on it's epicormic roots, gradually spread to two locations around 50 metres apart, this may have taken up to 13,000 years to happen which would make it four times older than the famous Bristlecone Pines in the USA long recognised as the world's oldest living trees, and this would mean our Ice Age Gum has continued to live while 500 generations of humans have come and gone.

**Rare Species of Shrubs** - The world's largest population of three rare species, *Dillwynia glaucula*, *Bossiaea oligosperma*, and *Pultenaea pedunculata* are in Windellama.

**Iconic Australian Animals** - Windellama is home to most of the animals on the original decimal coins, Platypus, Echidna, Lyrebird and Feather Tail Glider. We have our fair share of Kangaroos and Wallabies and the odd emu has been seen around here too (they must have escaped their owners) and of course Koalas are the most well known of our Australian animals.

**Big Jumps** - An Eastern Grey Kangaroo holds both the high and long jump record for Kangaroos at 3.2 m high (10' 6") and 13.5 m (44' 8 1/2") long respectively, some of our Grey Kangaroos are also as big as the inland Red Kangaroos.

**World's Most Dangerous Snake** - As reported in last month's Wild Windellama the second most venomous land snake in the world and because of it's venom and aggressive nature, the Eastern Brown Snake is regarded as the world's most dangerous snake and is common in Windellama.

**Australia's largest Gorge?** - Not sure on this one, maybe someone can let us know but I've heard the Shoalhaven River Gorge holds an Australian record for one of it's dimensions, it's length and depth combined to make it Australia's largest gorge by volume perhaps.

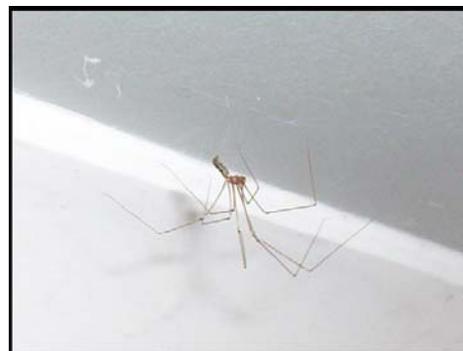
**World's Most Deadly Ant** - The Australian Bulldog Ants are from a genus with many species, at least three of these species are common here, some of our Bulldog Ants are red in colour, some are black and the smaller black ones are also able to jump, they are the most deadly ant in the world, they don't bite but sting with their rear end while holding on with their pincers. Just one sting can make you sick, multiple stings a real worry and if you are allergic to the poison it can be fatal.

**World's Most Deadly Spiders** - Amongst the world's most venomous spiders is the male Sydney Funnel Web and yes we have these too, not so deadly is the Red Back Spider, related to the American Black Widow Spider, but a bite is still cause for concern and probably medical treatment. Surprisingly the spider with arguably the world's most deadly venom is the Australian Daddy Longlegs. Fortunately it's fangs aren't strong enough to penetrate human skin and it only has a small quantity of the very toxic venom, about the only way to be poisoned would be to squash one and accidentally have the juices squirt in your eye, Daddy Long Leg spiders are common in Windellama.

**World's longest living marsupial** - A Wombat in London Zoo lived to the ripe old age of 26 years 0 months and 22 days making it the longest lived marsupial known.

**World's only Monotremes** - Every schoolboy knows the Echidna and Platypus are the world's only Monotremes, the only type of mammal that lays eggs to reproduce, both species live in Windellama. The Platypus is also one of the only 3 venomous mammals known, it has a poisonous spurs on it's hind legs, said to cause extreme pain and immobilising swelling to the affected limb.

**Temperature Extremes** - Windellama, along with other parts of the Southern Tablelands must have one of the greatest temperature variations in Australia with minus 12 degrees and plus 43 degrees Celcius being recorded here at our home in different seasons (a total of 55 degrees), and on a daily basis variations of over 30 degrees are not that uncommon.



The species of spider with the world's most toxic venom living happily in the Wild Windellama office

## Bower Birds

The scrubbiest parts of Windellama are home to Satin Bowerbirds (*Ptilonorhynchus olaceous*), they are named Bowerbirds after the neatly stacked twin walls of sticks that the male bird builds to impress the female, it's called a bower and is decorated with anything of bright colours preferably blue that the male can carry there. Before European settlement it was probably just shells and blue feathers but now the preferred items are blue plastic including sheep ear tags, clothes pegs, lolly wrappers, electrical tape etc. In fact the removeable ring off our plastic milk bottles was changed in colour to discourage Bowerbirds from taking them out into the bush as these things can get caught around the necks of other animals.

Last spring I sowed down my seedling trays with native tree seed and carefully separated each section and labelled it with text written on tags of plastic cut from an old ice cream container, unfortunately for me I used a blue container and the Bower Birds nicked off with all the tags leaving me with trays full of unknown species of trees. The male bird is shiny

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A Satin Bowerbird "Bower" in our tea tree scrub.  
(The decorations include one of my seed tray labels)

purple/ black about the size of a starling but a bit more stocky and the females are a completely different colour being a mottled green and yellow.  
I once had to catch a male Bowerbird that had got into our chook house giving me the chance to have a close up look at one, their eyes are very unusual in that the pupils are bright purple, I found it a little disturbing having something with purple eyes looking at me. Bowerbirds are also clever fruit and vegetables thieves, we've netted in our entire vegetable garden for this reason but our fruit trees are not protected and the Bowerbirds stole all our nectarines, peaches, plums and most of the apples and are now attacking our bumper crop of quince. If you'd like some Bowerbirds on your property you can have ours.

Wild Windellama on-line has moved, it is now at [www.wild.windellama.com](http://www.wild.windellama.com) where it has room to grow, Thanks to David Edworthy of **Many Hats Web Designs** for his kind donation of the webspace.

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## *Coming Events...*

All at Windellama unless otherwise noted.

### **May**

- 9th                      Anglican Women meeting
- 11th                    Rural Watch meeting -Tarago
- 17th                    Mothers Day Luncheon
- 20th                    Progress Assoc. AGM

### **June**

- 2nd                     Historical Society meeting
- 10th                    Fireworks Night



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**Katrina Hodgkinson MP**

**State Member for Burrinjuck**

For enquiries about State matters or to arrange an interview with me, please phone the above number or 6226 3311, fax 6226 3345 or write to me at PO Box 600 Yass NSW 2582 email theBurrinjuck Electorate Office at [Burrinjuck@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Burrinjuck@parliament.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.burrinjuck.com](http://www.burrinjuck.com).



The boundaries of the seat of Burrinjuck will change at the next State Election, which will be held in March 2007. These changes will mean that Weddin, Cowra, Young, Cootamundra and part of Junee Shires will move into the 'new' Burrinjuck electorate and the region around Tumut and Goulburn will move to other electorates. In Young this month I was selected to represent The Nationals for the 'new' seat of Burrinjuck at the March 2007 election. For the past eight years I have been a strong voice for the electorate of Burrinjuck and I look forward to continuing to represent the new electorate of Burrinjuck.

This month I have had a significant win for patients in rural NSW who require high-level medical treatment available only in major medical centres. For several years The Nationals have been campaigning for an easing of the distance requirements for financial assistance under the Isolated Patients Travel Assistance and Accommodation Scheme (IPTAAS). This month during question time in the NSW Parliament, I again raised this issue with Premier Lemma. As a result of our sustained campaigning on this issue, the NSW Labor Government has backed down and significantly eased the distance requirements for country patients.

This month I have travelled extensively throughout the electorate. Parliament sat for two weeks this month. In Goulburn I attended the opening of the new regional office of the Department of Corrective Services by Minister for Justice, Tony Kelly. It was a great pleasure for me to participate in judging the Yass River Festival Parade, and I also attended the Yass Picnic Races. In Boorowa I met with fourth year medical students to encourage them to consider a career as a 'Rural GP' and later I had great fun judging the 'Beaut Ute' competition at the Boorowa Show.

In Tumut and Gundagai this month, at the Tumut Bowling Club and the Gundagai Services Club, I signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the NSW Coalition and Clubs NSW regarding Club Taxation rates under a future Liberal/Nationals Government. Also in Gundagai I held discussions with the Commander of the Cootamundra Police Local Area Command regarding policing issues in Gundagai Tumut and Boorowa.

While in Sydney for Parliament I met with representatives of the Department of Housing to discuss the future of the Department's office in Tumut and received a commitment that this office would not be closed. I have held constituent interviews in Tumut, Gundagai, Boorowa and Yass this month.

#### **Parliament**

During a major speech in reply to the NSW Budget I raised many issues of concern in the electorate of Burrinjuck,

## **Advancing Burrinjuck**

speaking particularly about Tumut and Batlow Hospitals and roads in the Burrinjuck Electorate. I questioned the Premier twice on the floor of Parliament, regarding the dangerous State Road 54 and travel assistance for cancer patients. I have also spoken about roads in Upper Lachlan Shire and in favour of The Nationals 'Right to Farm' legislation.

Other issues of concern that I have raised in the Parliament this month include the Gundagai Courthouse, the Coolac Bypass, the ACT/NSW Cross Border Water Agreement, Police staffing and vacant nursing positions in public hospitals.

#### **NRMA Community Road Safety Grants**

The National Roads and Motorists Association is again offering Community Road Safety Grants in the NSW and the ACT to support local road safety initiatives. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to local government and not for profit organisations to run programs that promote local road safety behaviour programs or a solution to a local road safety problem. More details can be obtained by calling Mr John Brown at the NRMA on (02) 8222 2162 or through the internet at [www.mynrma.com.au](http://www.mynrma.com.au). Submissions close off 24 April 2006.

#### **Burrinjuck Local to Head Australian Wool Services**

Congratulations to Yass fine wool producer, Mr Barry Walker, who has been appointed as Chairman of Australian Wool Services (AWS) Ltd. Mr Walker who was the Deputy Chairman took over following the stepping aside of Mr Trevor Flugge.

#### **Country Residents Miss out Again**

The NSW Labor Government has recently announced a \$150 rebate for people who purchase water saving washing machines. This rebate is limited to people who reside in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan area. The Nationals have called on Premier Lemma to stop discriminating against people living in rural and regional NSW and extend this rebate to all NSW residents. Incentives to save water are important to all NSW Communities, not just the city.

#### **ScamWatch**

Barely a day goes by in my office that I do not receive a scam email offering me something that is too good to be true. These scams have several features in common. They arrive unexpectedly, they offer a quick way to make money, they say that they require little effort and have no risk and they ask for personal banking details. The Australian Consumer Fraud Taskforce, which consists of 18 Federal, State and New Zealand regulatory and consumer protection bodies, has set up a ScamWatch website at [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au) for consumers who believe that they have spotted a scam. The taskforce may also be contacted on 1300 795 995.

#### **Apple Day Festival**

The Tallong Apple Day Festival will be held at the Tallong Community Hall on

7 May starting at 9am. This promises to be a great day as Tallong celebrates its history, culture and community spirit and would make a great day out. The festival will have children's games, market stalls, rides, baking competitions and historical displays – a fund day out for all the family.

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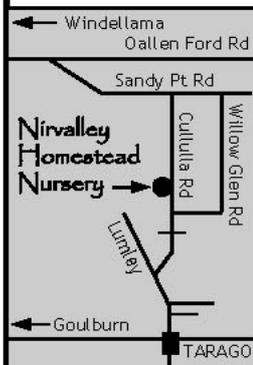


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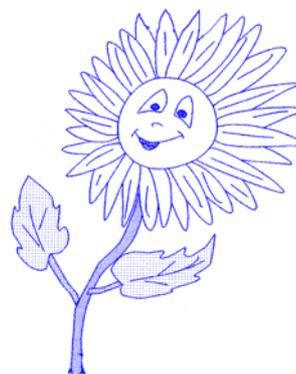
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## *In Your Garden*

By Irene Turner



The April weather, allows us to dig and improve the garden with compost and fertilizers (cow, horse, sheep, goats, chook manure). This will liven up the soil and give it more water holding ability. A good time to start any new garden, and get the plants in to be established before the winter sets in.

### **Vegetables to be sown now:-**

Broad bean seeds - which like the cooler days and frost. They are ready to pick in late October or early November. Before planting, the soil needs a light dressing of lime and some fertiliser.

Onion seeds and seedlings – can go in, mainly the white varieties.

Cabbage seedlings – feed with complete fertiliser when settled in to get them moving, watch for the cabbage butterfly. I sprinkle the young cabbage and broccoli plants with lime, this helps to keep the butterflies away. Add the lime after watering or rain, the lime getting washed into the soil helps to sweeten the soil for the plants.

### **Flowers:-**

Sweet peas can go in now, prepare the soil as for eating varieties of peas. Soaking the seeds 24 hours before helps them to germinate.

Plant seedlings of alyssum, Canterbury bells, carnation, cornflower, delphinium, dianthus, hollyhocks, Russell lupin, pansies, violas, primula, snapdragons, stocks and wallflowers.

**Deciduous trees** at this time of year put on a beautiful Autumn display. Some examples are Forsythia (purple foliage), Blue berry, Viburnum, Burkwoodii (related to the snowball tree having fragrant flowers in spring).

Some more are Claret Ash, Golden Ash, Golden Elm, variegated leafed Box Elder, Liquid Amber, Silver Birch, Crabapple, flowering Cherries and Japanese Maples.

### **Pyrethrum Daisy Bait Recipes**

As a trap for fruit fly combine a pinch of dry pyrethrum powder, 2 drops of yellow food dye, a teaspoon of yeast, and 100ml of water.

Place this in a plastic bottle, hang upside down from a tree and make a few small holes in the base (now the top). These holes are small enough to prevent bees from entering the trap and drowning.

Scatter these traps around the garden, replace the mixture every few days and continue right through the fruit fly season (January to March).

Pyrethrum dust sprinkled into red wine with some cooking oil poured over the top, can be placed in a straight-sided container as a trap for cockroaches.



## **Willow Glen Road Garden Club**

**Next get together is at the home of**

**Mick Ryan**

**'Wirrega Farm' 1617 Oallen Ford Road**

**10am Tuesday 4th April**

**Please bring a plate for morning tea**

& some plants or cuttings to share, and spend a morning with other gardeners.

For more info make your enquiries with Warren Yates on 4844 5350.

### **Australia's Open Garden Scheme**

8 & 9 April 'Glenrock' (10am to 4.30pm) & 'Johnniefields' (10am to 6pm) at Marulan. Admission \$5. Ph: 6943 2666 or 4841 1852

9 & 10 April 'Elebah' at Marulan, 10am to 4.30pm. Admission \$5. Ph: 6943 2666 or 4841 1852

### **Windellama Garden Club Inc.**

The next meeting will be at Colleen & John Ellis' home on Wednesday 12th April at 10.30am.

Our next outing will be to Crookwell for their open gardens and market day on Sunday 30th April.

For more information contact Lynn on 4844 5029



## **Weather Watch**

**16th February to 15th March**

Adrook, Oallen Ford Road, Windellama	7ml / 2 days
Timberlight, Oallen Ford Road, Oallen	13.4ml / 5days
Amaroo, Roberts Road, Windellama	12.5ml / 3days
Gar-den, Oallen Ford Rd, Windellama	17.5ml / 7 days
Johnno's Corner, Oallen Ford Rd	9ml / 3 days
Hollow Log, Willow Glen Rd, Tarago	18ml / 3days



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